



YAKIMA
Neighborhood Health



Yakima Valley
Farm Workers Clinic



April 6, 2022

Representative Dan Newhouse
United States Congress
504 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Newhouse,

East Yakima has been without a swimming pool to service the neighborhoods in the heart of downtown Yakima.

As you may be aware, our only two swimming pools in southeast Yakima were closed nearly two decades ago (in 2005). Children and their families often do not have the resources to travel across town to one of the city's westside pool, and while their parents are working, we know of children who resort to a quicker walk to the river, which unfortunately has resulted in tragedy on several occasions for our community.

As health and social service providers, we serve thousands of residents that will be positively impacted by a safe recreational area in our neighborhood in Southeast Yakima. We are actively promoting healthy habits and safe activities for these families. A pool at Martin Luther King Park will be a gathering place not only for families to swim and socialize, but for service providers to bring health and educational activities to share.

We are excited to participate in this initiative, and encourage you to carry this request for funding to your colleagues in Congress. We are available to provide any information you may need.

Thank you for your consideration and support !

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